

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application No. 10/559,996 )  
Filed: October 4, 2006 ) *Confirmation No. 4587*  
Applicants: Ralf KRAHMER et al. )  
Title: REAGENTS FOR MODIFYING )  
BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, THE )  
USE AND PRODUCTION )  
THEREOF )  
Art Unit: 1654 )  
Examiner: Ronald T. Niebauer )  
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Attorney Docket: 5942/87136 )  
Customer No.: 22242 )

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION**

Sir:

In response to the office action dated October 16, 2007, Applicants hereby elect with  
traverse Group I, claims 1-5, 9-15, and 17-20 and species where

Z= formula (X<sub>c</sub>),

in which a is 3, b is 2, c is 2, d is 3, P is H and R<sup>1</sup> is a C5 alkoxy residue; the disclosure  
therefor can be found in paragraph [0045] of the U.S. publication;

W= hydrogen;

X= short chain methoxy polyethylene residues having three ethylene units; the  
disclosure therefor can be found in paragraph [0044].

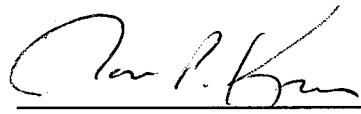
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V= a C8 hydrocarbon residue which contains heteroatoms N and O and a linker group represented by a C5 alkyl chain which contains the heteroatoms N and O. The disclosure therefor can be found in paragraphs [0048] and [0054]. All pending claims are readable on the elected species.

The election is with traverse as the claims of Groups I, II and III are linked by a common inventive concept, namely compounds and/or a method of preparing compounds which exhibit at least two groups of formula (IIa). These compounds and the method for preparing such compounds are not anticipated by the prior art so that the common inventive concept is novel.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,  
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